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## LIGHT RATE LEGALITY STILL UNSETTLED

The question of the legality of the rates charged by the Town of Reading Light Department has still to be solved. The hearing before the State Department of Public Utilities was postponed, for a second time, this week, a hearing which has to be held before the rates already in effect can be approved.

Town Fathers of Wilmington, like Louis the King of France, 'marched up the Hill, and then marched down again', last Tuesday morning.

The hill was Beacon Hill, or more specifically the State House. Town Counsel Philip Buzzell, Town Manager Joseph Courtney and Mrs Wavie Drew, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen attended a public hearing in the State House of the Department of Public Utilities on the new rates of the Reading Electric Light - already in effect.

The hearing had been postponed, and Wilmington officials were the only ones to attend.

The original hearing, some weeks ago, in the State House, had been postponed because the Reading Light Department had not prepared its exhibits.

The postponed hearing, which was to be held Tuesday was also postponed, because, according to TM Courtney, the exhibits were still not ready.

The DPU, which postponed the second hearing when it heard that the light company was not prepared, had not got around to setting a new date for the hearing - and that is what led to the confusion. Ordinarily interested parties are notified not only of a postponement, but the new date, in one letter, a move that prevents confusion. This time, however no new date had been set, and somehow interested parties were not notified that the hearing was cancelled.

It is expected that a hearing will be held someday.

NOTE: For a complete report of the Lynnfield reaction, which differs from the Wilmington reports, see story on Page 8, which appeared in the Wakefield Daily Item last Monday.



ROTARY CLUB MEMBER FROM BOMBAY  
SPEAKS AT WILMINGTON CLUB

DR RAJAN NAIR, MBBS, OF BOMBAY, INDIA, WHO SPOKE AT THE ROTARY CLUB MEETING LAST WEEK. DR NAIR PRESENTED INDIA'S VIEWPOINT ON CURRENT INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS, AS HE SEES THEM. A STUDENT AT THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL, UNDER A ROTARY FELLOWSHIP, DR NAIR IS STUDYING UNDER THE FAMOUS HEART SPECIALIST DR PAUL WHITE.

TO HIS RIGHT IS GOVERNOR FRED NICHOLS, OF ROTARY DISTRICT 288, AND TO HIS LEFT IS ED OSBERG, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CHAIRMAN, AND PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL POLY-CHEMICALS.

### CHRISTMAS LIGHT CAMPAIGN IS ON IN FULL FORCE

The Wilmington Christmas Light Committee, seeking to continue their work of last year, is appealing to the merchants of Wilmington and other friends for a \$1000 contribution, to keep up their work of last year.

Last year, with money received from contributions, the committee effected decorations from Forest Street to Middlesex Avenue, and erected a huge Christmas Tree, at Wilmington Square.

The committee, this year, plans no new purchases, except for what will be necessary to replace worn equipment, and

bulbs, etc. The money, this year, they state, will be used to renovate, to buy new bulbs, and to pay for the expenses of installation and power for the lighting.

George Cushing head of the Wilmington Fire Department heads the committee. Others on the committee are Adrian A. Durkee, Elizabeth M Griffin, Anthony Joannides, Arthur J. Kelley and Robert B Michelson.

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2491

The official School Enrollment, for 1956, of pupils in the Wilmington Public Schools, has been set at 2491, as of Oct 1st, according to an announcement of the Superintendent

of Schools, John Collins. Collins, one year ago predicted that the number would be 2490.

Last year there were 2344 pupils on Oct 1st, and the year preceding there were 2132.

By 1958, Collins has stated, the Wilmington High School will be able to accommodate only High School pupils, from Grades 8 through 12. At present there are pupils of the Junior High, grades 7 and 8, in the same building.

### SKATING LIGHTS PROPOSED FOR SILVER LAKE

Commander James M Shine, DAV has proposed to town officials that floodlights be installed, at the Silver Lake Beach, for the purpose of illuminating night skating, during the winter months.

In his proposal Commander Shine pointed out that the lights could provide a safety signal to parents, as well as just providing light for skating. If the lights were lit, at night time, Commander Shine pointed out, the ice would be declared safe for skating. If the lights were not lit, parents would know that the ice was deemed unsafe.

### TOWN CLERK TO BE PAID FOR EXTRA ELECTION DAY WORK

The Board of Selectmen, Monday night, voted that the Town Clerk should be paid for all work done on Election Day, in excess of the regular working hours. Heretofore such work was performed without pay from the Town.

### SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE REJECTS PLANS

The School Building Committee for the new School off Glen Road has rejected, by a majority decision, the proposals of the architects, for the new school. The plans rejected featured the classrooms in series of four, in buildings which were semi-independent of each other, and were connected by a huge patio.

Comments by some of the members of the committee were to the effect that they believed the architects were 'trying to make a name for themselves'. The school, they were told, would cost 8% less than any other comparable building, but they objected to a type of architecture which, they felt, might be suitable for California.

The architects have other plans available, of schools more in keeping with New England style of architecture.

### NORTH WILMINGTON FIRE ENGINE MAY BE RETIRED

Discussed by the Selectmen Monday night, but without any decision, was a question of effecting repairs to the Fire Truck stationed in the Brown's Crossing pumping station.

A report to the Selectmen stated that the engine was in need of extensive repairs.

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### AT LOGGERHEADS

Our Finance Committee, and our School Com-  
mittee are increasingly finding themselves at  
loggerheads, as regards the finances of the  
public schools.

We think that the conflict is unfortunate. It  
is our belief that it stems from a conflict in  
state statutes, with both sides trying to up-  
hold what it honestly believes is the intent of  
the law.

On one hand the state law gives the School Com-  
mittee power to vote its budget without inter-  
ference by other town officials, in towns, a  
power that has been upheld by the courts. On  
the other hand the state statutes regard the  
Finance Committee as a "review board" for all  
expenditures proposed by a town. Therein lies  
the conflict.

The joint meetings of the past two years have  
not been pleasant. The Finance Committee, which  
examines in detail all the other accounts  
feels that the accounts of the School Committee  
can also be examined closely. The School Com-  
mittee, which spends months in preparing its  
budget, feels that the Finance Committee is  
just "trying to chop their budget to pieces".  
The meetings have always been "executive", i.e.  
not public.

This year, say some members of the School Com-  
mittee they will not attend any joint meetings,  
unless it is a public meeting.

And, say some members of the Finance Committee  
they won't attend any joint meetings at all no  
matter what the circumstances.

### WILLIAM HENRY CARTER ONE & THE HIGH SCHOOL

Every now and then it is our fortune to meet  
someone who is in Wilmington seeking informat-

ion about his ancestors. Many of them have a  
very difficult time, because of the number of  
persons in the same family who bore the same  
Christian name. These people, when they leave  
Wilmington, are to be seen shaking their heads,  
and perhaps they may be heard mumbling about  
what is the most conspicuous case - that of Wil-  
liam Henry Carter One and William Henry Carter  
Two.

Not related, apparently, both of these men,  
with identical names, lived in Wilmington in  
the 1800's. They adopted One and Two, after  
their names, in order that they may be better  
distinguished. Number Two was a relatively late  
comer, coming from Burlington, and buying the  
Eldad Carter farm, on Shawsheen Ave. at the cor-  
ner of Bridge Lane. Many of his descendants  
live in Wilmington today.

William Henry Carter One, during the days be-  
fore the Civil War was the only one of his name  
here. He was a Selectman, a Town Clerk, and a  
member of the School Committee - one of the few  
Carter's to be in these positions, for it was  
mostly Buck, and Eames, and Gowing, and Blanch-  
ard, and such families who were represented on  
these boards.

100 years ago William Henry Carter (the one  
was not then necessary) was Town Clerk, and he  
issued a broadside giving his version of a  
fight then current, concerning Wilmington High  
School. It was answered about six weeks later  
by Lemuel Cobb Eames.

We happen to have what we believe are the on-  
ly remaining copies of these two papers. Be-  
cause we believe that future generations may  
possibly want to read these, we are reproducing  
them in this issue. They may, at the same time  
be of some interest to our current generation.  
There should be, moreover, a few words of expla-  
nation.

We don't know when or where William Henry One  
was born, at least we have found no record that  
satisfies us. We do know he had a daughter,  
Maria, who died a few years ago in Reading, and  
that is all. We don't know when or where Will-  
iam Henry died.

We do know he lived on Hardscrabble (not  
Hardscrabble Street, just Hardscrabble). Today



THE HOME OF WM H CARTER  
ON HIGH STREET, FORMERLY KNOWN AS HARDCRABBLE, THE  
HOME OF TOWN CLERK WILLIAM HENRY CARTER (ONE), ONE HUN-  
DRED YEARS AGO.

it is known as High Street. His home is today  
the home of the Perdicaro family. Another home  
stood at the corner of High and Middlesex, and  
burned down about 30 years ago, then being the

## TOWN NOTES

### Weather Reports

The Art of Listening to Wea-  
ther Reports received a severe  
strain, during the past week-  
end, not only in Wilmington,  
but in other communities of  
our old Bay State.

For 36 hours our weather fore-  
casters were almost hysterical  
about a snow storm that was  
expected Monday. All sorts of  
dire predictions were made o-  
ver the weekend. Among the  
people who enjoy these reports  
least are school officials,  
who have to decide whether or  
not to hold schools.

Our Superintendent, John Col-  
lins, after hearing these re-  
ports, and checking with the  
Fire and Police Departments,  
and taking a look for himself  
by driving over some of the  
highways, decided to call off  
school for the first six  
grades, Monday.

He had to make his decision  
6:30 am., and as everyone now  
knows, by 8:30 am the weather  
was nice and balmy.

The best report came from the  
irrepressible Officer Leo  
Markey. He reported the street  
conditions (during the heavy  
rain) with just one  
word - 'Wet'.

### Telephones

Last August we had a story  
about the Telephone service.  
It stated that the number of  
telephones were to be doubled,  
with another 1600 being added  
sometime in January. The sch-  
edule still stands, and, we  
understand, there will soon be  
telephones available for every  
one.

But, - and here comes the jolt  
When AVCO gets going, less  
than two years from now, they  
will require 1500 telephones  
all by themselves.

It looks as though Mr. NE Tel  
& Tel will have to get busy  
and do some more enlarging,  
but soon.

### And Electric Lights

It sort of slipped past us,  
at the time we heard it, but  
since then we have been in a  
state of wonderment about the  
yearly peak load of the Read-  
ing Electric Light. It comes  
each year, at Christmas Time,  
as is to be expected.

The amazing fact is, however,  
that each year, by the time  
August comes around, the con-  
sumption of power has grown so  
that the peak load is already  
where it stood at the preced-  
ing Christmas, and by the time  
next Christmas has rolled a-  
round, the peak is at a new  
high.

Again we say - just wait un-  
till AVCO gets rolling!

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### REWARD!!!

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A Selectman of Wilmington, in that same year was Lemuel Cobb Eames, known to his friends as "Lem". A hardbitten Yankee farmer, direct descendant of hardbitten Daniel Eames, he lived in the ancestral farmhouse on Woburn Street, now



THE HOME OF LEM EAMES

THE ANCESTRAL EAMES HOME, ON WILDWOOD STREET, BUILT IN 1724 BY EPHRAIM BUCK AND SOLD IN THE SAME YEAR TO DANIEL EAMES. IT WAS IN THIS HOME THAT LEMUEL COBB EAMES LIVED, AT THE TIME OF HIS FIGHT WITH WILLIAM HENRY CARTER ONE.

THIS HOUSE WAS THE HOME OF AN EAMES FOR OVER 150 YEARS UNTIL IT WAS SOLD AT ABOUT THE TIME OF THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR.

the property of Mrs. Nina Fay. Lem had served as Town Clerk, and on the School Committee, and in future years was to represent his town in Legislature. It was he, incidentally, who captured the murderer Daniel Pearson, of whom every other person was afraid. For that capture Lem received a reward of \$25, which he as a Selectman had a few months previously offered.

Wilmington is those days had as its number one controversy the question High School or No High School? One side wanted a publicly supported High School. The other side felt that only the parents of High School children should be forced to support that school, and then by voluntary contribution.

Leading the fight for a free High School were the Revs. Samuel H. Tolman of the Congregational Church and John M. Durgin of the Free Will Baptist Church. As allies they had Walter Blanchard Jr. (who lived in the Harriman-Brooks home) and Joseph H. Bell, who gave the Bell Farm its name.

We believe William Henry was on the same side but it isn't exactly clear, today.

The opposition consisted, as we say, of people who felt that High School education should not be at the expense of the town. One of the men who had this viewpoint was Dr. Silas Brown, who lived where Dr. Rounds lives today, on Salem Street, at the corner of Woburn, in the Col. Joshua Harnden House.

In March 1856 the Town Meeting effected a compromise. \$375 was voted for a High School with \$125 to be raised by public subscription The

(cont. on page 4).

#### FIVE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION ON ROUTE 38

All five occupants of a Ford and Chevrolet received lacerations, fractures, or both in a head-on collision on Route 38 near Bridge Lane on Sat, Nov 24, at 4:40 pm. Both cars were damaged beyond repair.

Occupants of the Ford, which was heading towards Lowell, were William Eicks (driving) and Francis Hosdon, both from Lynn. The Chevrolet was operated by Thomas Breuckman and passengers were Robert Moore and Robert Pascall. All three of the Chevy occupants were U S Army personnel, stationed at Fort Devens.

Traffic was stalled for a mile in each direction at the scene of the accident. Ambulances from Wilmington and Burlington took the five people to St John's Hospital in Lowell.

It was reported by an observer that just prior to the accident one of the cars swerved out of its lane, around a piece of cardboard in the road -- the driver evidently taking it for something that would damage his car.

Francis Hosdon is the only one listed as 'good' at St John's Hospital at this time. The others are fair, except for Robert Moore, whose fractured skull still keeps him on the danger list.

#### CDA FOOD SALE

Members of St. Thomas Court, CDA will conduct a food sale, in Villanova Hall, Sunday, after each of the Masses at St. Thomas.

All members are being asked to cooperate, by the Grand Regent, in order to make the food sale a success. Those who wish to donate foods may call Mrs. Rogers at 8-2105 or Mrs. Enos at 8-3319.

#### VETERANS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS INDICATE COOPERATION WITH SCHOOLS IN ROOM SHORTAGE

Officials of the William F. Tattersall Chapter, DAV and the Wilmington Post of the American Legion have indicated that they believe their members will cooperate with the Wilmington Public Schools, because of the coming school room shortage, as has an officer of the Whitefield Lodge of the 100F. All were speaking informally, but all believed that their organizations were ready to help, by offering room for classrooms.

The School Committee, last week, instructed John Collins, Superintendent of Schools to write to various organizations in Wilmington, to see if space would be available to be used for classrooms. A shortage of space for approximately 200 pupils is expected next year, because of delays in the planned construction of the new School off Glen Road.

Letters have been written to the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Wilmington Grange, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, East Wilmington Betterment Association and Wilmington Skating Club, asking for space suitable for classrooms.

The School Department plans to rehabilitate the former Band Room, in the Swain School for one classroom, and five more will be needed, probably among the organizations listed, to take care of next year's school children.

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**WEDNESDAY:** Meat Loaf with Tomato Sauce, Parsley Potatoes, Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Dark Bread and Butter, Jello, Milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Ravioli, Cabbage Salad, Buttered Peas, Hot Corn Bread and Butter, Cookies, Milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Breaded Fish Sticks, Potato Chips, Buttered Spinach Bread and Butter, Chocolate Covered Ice Cream, Milk.

school was started, in the vestry of the Congregational Church, (not the present structure but the one that preceded it).

We don't know who the teacher was in that first year. In the second year it was Mrs. Lucy M. Dunstan, who was paid \$500 for a 10 week year. She was reported as being an excellent teacher. She had 35 pupils.

The third year, 1859, there was no appropriation. The school continued for a while as a private institution, but eventually died.

With this information for a background we invite our readers to attempt to understand what William Henry Carter One and Lem Eames were talking about, as they fired their broadsides at one another. (We hope, too, that the reproductions will be readable.)

**METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR BEGIN REHEARSALS FOR SELECTIONS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

The Senior Choir of the Methodist Church has begun special rehearsals for the music from Handel's Messiah to be sung on Sunday, Dec 23. These rehearsals are for persons who are not able to sing regularly but would like to participate in this special program. The rehearsals are held Thursday evenings from nine to ten pm following the regular choir rehearsal, and on Sunday afternoons from four to six pm for those who cannot attend during the week.

Plans have been made to provide baby sitters at the church for couples who would like to sing together. The baby sitters will be at the church on Sunday afternoons during the rehearsal hours. All persons who have sung the Messiah or parts of it, or those who follow music are cordially invited to take part.

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**To the Citizens of the Town of Wilmington, Greeting:**

As there has been much surprise expressed as to the course pursued by me, in regard to the establishing and maintaining of a High School in this place, I feel it due to myself, as well as the Town, to give my reasons for withholding the order for the payment of Teacher, and also to explain all that has seemed mysterious in my course in relation to this matter. You will remember, the Town, at their last annual March meeting, voted to raise one thousand dollars for Schooling. They further voted to appropriate three hundred and seventy-five dollars of the same, to paying the expenses of a High School, provided one hundred and twenty-five dollars was raised by subscription "for the same object," on or before the first day of May, 1856. I was chosen one of the committee, to help carry the enterprise into effect. At our second meeting of the High School Committee, "and before a blow was struck," I was chosen Treasurer, to receive the one hundred and twenty-five dollars, by said Committee. I then made a motion, "at the same meeting," that the one hundred and twenty-five dollars should be collected and paid in to the Treasurer, on or before the first day of May, 1856, agreeably to the vote of the Town; and the Committee unanimously passed the same. After this vote was passed, and up to the time I was applied to for an order to pay the Teacher, I had not received a dollar of money as Treasurer, neither had I any legal knowledge that a dollar had been paid. It was further agreed among the Committee, that the first bills to be paid, should be the alteration of the house for the school-room; but instead of these bills having been paid, as agreed upon, Mr. Cyrus Adams called upon me as late as June, stating his credit was then suffering in Lowell for the stock used in fitting up the school-room, and desired me to pay his bill. I assured him I had not received a dollar as Treasurer, although the time for payment had long since expired, and recommended him to look to his employer for his pay. Mr. C. Morrill also called upon me with a complaint against the Committee, stating they paid no bills, and intimated that the Society would lock up the room, if the Committee were not more faithful to their engagements. Now, gentlemen, as nothing had been paid into the Treasury, and as no bills had been paid for repairs of the house, I must confess I was in much doubt as to whether the vote of the Town had been complied with. Consequently, I recommended the person who applied for the order to pay the Teacher, to present his bill to the Selectmen for approval; and as I am informed, the said bill was presented to a majority of the board. One of them approved it without taking the trouble to examine and see whether the provisions granting the same had been complied with, while the chairman of the board refused to act at all in the matter, pleading as an excuse, that it was a case over which he had no control. This seemed to me most extraordinary ground for one of the fathers of the town to take; for I contend the Selectmen are the only persons empowered by the Town to act in matters of this nature. And I look upon it as a gross neglect of duty, on his part, in not hearing and determining this case when applied to. And had a like neglect of official duty occurred in any other Town in this Commonwealth, I venture to say, it would have been deemed a sufficient cause for the removal of a public officer. Suppose for instance, that instead of three hundred and seventy-five dollars, the sum of five thousand dollars was to have been appropriated, upon certain conditions, and these conditions were that one thousand dollars should have been raised by subscription, on or before a certain time, — would not the whole town have been arms had this large sum have been paid out, before somebody, whose duty it was, had examined and seen that the conditions granting the same had been complied with? And who, I ask again, have any power granted them by the Town to determine questions of this kind? the Selectmen? But the Chairman contends that the School Committee are so almighty in power that they are not controllable by any I and I confess they have proved themselves all powerful as yet, for they have so far charmed your Treasurer as to cause him to outstep official limits, throw open your Treasury door, and bid them help themselves and be satisfied. Now, I would ask, who delegated the power to the Treasurer to act as umpire in this matter? Certainly the Town has not; and I find nothing in the statute conferring upon him the privilege of acting in the tripple capacity of Selectmen and Treasurer. He may feel competent to act for the *trio*—but in my judgment he has proved himself deficient, "at least in back-bone." To fill even the single office he was elected to. But the Treasurer says the statute confers upon him the privilege of paying Teachers where certificates are presented from the Examining Committee, showing they have been duly examined and passed by said Committee. I agree that he may do this where money has been appropriated by the Town for this object; but if all the committees in town were to certify to Teachers' Certificates, and there had been no appropriation made by the Town for the payment of them, how much money judge you, would the Treasurer pay over? I answer,—not a dollar. And here is where the great blunder was committed,—it not yet having been decided, by any legal authority that the conditions upon which this money was to have been appropriated, have so far been complied with as to appropriate a single dollar to the use of the High School. But, says the Treasurer, I have examined into this matter, and am satisfied the vote of the Town has been complied with. But, I ask, what difference it makes to the Town what the Treasurer's opinion is on this question, as they have never delegated to him the power of deciding it. His opinion is entitled to the same weight that it would have been had he not have held the office of Treasurer, and no more. I do not here pretend to say whether the vote of the Town has or has not been complied with; but I do say this: that with all the light and evidence the Treasurer has upon this subject, and he has sufficient to pay all bills presented, if he will prove to the satisfaction of the Town, that their vote granting this money has been complied with, I will engage to pay him twenty-five dollars for the trouble of doing so.

I should not have said thus much upon this subject, had I not have been charged, by persons holding exalted stations in Society here with doing all in my power to injure and break up the High School. And if simply doing my duty as a public officer has had that tendency, then I plead guilty to the charge,—not otherwise. For I assure you, no man in this town feels more the lack of a good education than I do, and no one in town can be found that is willing to make greater sacrifices to secure the advantages of a good education to others than I am. And no one appreciates more fully the benefits to be derived, both to individuals and the town at large, from a permanently established High School, than I do. But, gentlemen, to secure even this great good, I am not willing to prove unfaithful to my trust: neither am I willing to screen the incompetency, neglect or passion of any public officer, by swerving from my official obligations.

Respectfully, yours,

**WM. H. CARTER,**

Town Clerk,

Wilmington, Nov. 20, 1856.

(see page 5 for more)

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**STUDENT COUNCIL CONCLUDES  
MAGAZINE DRIVE**

The annual Student Council magazine drive, in which members of the student body go from door to door selling magazine subscriptions, ended successfully last week, giving the Council a profit of over \$150. Top salesman in the drive was Cheryl Bennett, who will choose for first prize either a radio, watch, or bicycle.

The money will be used primarily for donations to Care, Red Cross, and the March of Dimes; also for putting out the Blue Beacon guide book for

entering freshmen; sending delegates to Divisional Council meetings; and buying records for dances. Other money for these aims is earned through the sale of pencils, bookcovers, beanies and fudge, and through sponsoring dances.

Earning money is naturally only part of what the Student Council does. The Council, which is composed of representatives elected from every homeroom, works with the principal for the best interests of the school, and they do this in many ways.

They act as a liason group between the faculty and the student body, presenting any

complaints or suggestions the students may have to the faculty. They promote better school spirit by holding dances throughout the year, as well as the annual Halloween Assemblies aimed at reducing vandalism.

The Council also tries to keep community-student-body relationships at their best. All the members are enrolled in the Ground Observer Corps, and many of them have acted as ushers at PTA meetings and Open House nights. They also urge citizens to vote, and have offered their services as baby-sitters on voting day.



## CITIZENS OF WILMINGTON:

By the kindness and generosity of the Town Clerk, Wm. H. Carter, Esq., you have been recently addressed by a circular, declaring that gentleman's views as a true and faithful guardian of the public interests, on matters which he deems important to himself and the Town. He first arraigns prominently before you certain Town Officers, who, in his opinion, are "guilty of gross neglect of official duty." Next in order is his official relation to the High School, and in respect to which he declares his high, personal appreciation of the advantages to be derived to the Town, from the permanent establishment of such an institution. But more especially, and mainly, "to explain all that has seemed mysterious in his course, in relation to the High School." In all this he is certainly entitled to respectful consideration, and to receive the thanks and sympathy of every liberal minded person in the community, so far as his explanations and statements are in accordance with truth and justice.

It is evident, from a careful examination of his whole statement, that to no one is his own course more "mysterious" than to himself. After citing only a part of the action of the Town, he then labors hard for an argument, and finally brings in to his aid, as the best within his reach, a large amount of incidental evidence, merely, which is not direct to a single point at issue. And all this for the single and sole purpose of raising a doubt, or for making it consistent for him to entertain a doubt, as to whether the conditions on which the Town had made the appropriation for the High School, had been fulfilled or not. Now, after all that had taken place, through the action of the Committee, chosen and duly authorized by the Town to establish that School, upon the conditions specified by the Town, and after that School had continued through one term, by the action and unanimous consent of the whole Committee, (who acted, if they acted at all, by authority expressly delegated to them direct, by the Town,) then it is discovered by Mr. Carter, as one of this Committee, that he is in "much doubt" whether any appropriation has been made by the Town for that School. Then, as Town Clerk, who of course possesses all the legal evidence there is respecting the will, object and design of the Town, in all its appropriations,—then, to relieve himself from all delicacy arising from that portentous "doubt," existing in his mind, he refers the whole subject to the Selectmen, for a legal decision of what constitutes the raising of \$125 by subscription; which, when decided, he thinks would determine the fact of an appropriation by the Town, for the High School. Mr. Carter utterly failed to convince the Chairman of the Board that it was a proper subject claiming their attention. The parties to the question, as such, did not submit it to the decision of the Selectmen, consequently if they had made a decision, it would not have had any binding force; it would be, merely, as the opinion of any other three men; it would not have removed the "doubt" in that gentleman's mind, or any other man's, as fully appears from his own reasoning, and from an examination of the facts.

In the first place, the Town, in its own corporate capacity and sovereign right, agreeable to the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth, virtually and really did say to the Committee for the High School, that "you may draw, from time to time, such sum or sums of money from the Town Treasury, as may be necessary to pay the expenses of establishing the said High School, not to exceed \$375: provided \$125 was raised by subscription for the same object, on or before the first day of May, 1856." Now, Mr. Carter, and every member of that Committee, was bound to know, and did know, the conditions of that appropriation, the amount, and its object; therefore, the moment he assented, with the other members of the Committee, and decided to establish that School, did he and they not decide, at the same time, to accept the appropriation made for that object? If so, at that time, they acted without authority from the Town. But if the Committee decided to act in this matter, by instructions and authority derived from the Town, then of course they are responsible for the fulfillment of the obligations, on their part, to the Town. Whichever way it may be, it will be seen, that the Town and this Committee are two distinct parties, and that it is not competent for the Selectmen to come in between them, without instructions from the Town.

Now, so far as Mr. Carter's duties are connected with the business of the High School Committee, to whom the Town has entrusted the appropriation, as such, together with the whole subject, interesting and important as it is, and none the less so to him, because of the well known qualities which he possesses to such an eminent degree,—unbending rectitude, unswerving faithfulness in official stations of public trust is what must command respect,—even the Chairman of your Board of Selectmen is not so far insensible to right, as not to be able to appreciate and admire those high qualities, anywhere, but especially so, when our distinguished friend gives us such striking examples in his own official course; and the more so, because his opinions are getting fixed, and his duties extensive. There is, indeed, nothing like feeling the force of an obligation, and discharging obligation honorably.

It may be proper, in this connection, as the Town Clerk attaches great importance to the decisions of the Selectmen, to the satisfaction of the Town, that the Town Treasurer is not "so far charmed" by any man, nor has he been, as to open the Treasury doors and bid gentlemen help themselves." On the contrary, he assures the Selectmen that "he still money with as much care as ever, and holds himself responsible for every dollar of the public funds," consequently the statements in the circular referred to above are not well founded in respect to your Treasurer.

Now, if the Town Clerk finds himself involved in any "mystery," let HIM look to his own official stations and duties, he is honestly intending to execute the expressed will of the Town, before he talks of "screening the incompetency, of any public Officer." And if there is still a "doubt," it is in favor of the Town, and against the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

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There were questions such as; 'Do you talk shop at lunch?'

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To all persons interested in the estate of Mollie Cheifitz also known as Mollie Cheifitz late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that Harry Cheifitz of Wilmington in said County, be appointed administrator of said estate, without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirteenth day of December 1956, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John C. Leggett, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty six.

John J. Foley, Register.

Arrangements being made for the expected overflow crowd at the Grange Hall, next Thursday attending the All Wilmington Evangelistic Rally, include a double public address system, since it is now certain that downstairs will have to be used.

Jack Wyrzten, Evangelist, is expected to draw people, not only from Wilmington, but from many of the surrounding communities. In the eyes of the members of the Wilmington Council of Churches and Christians affiliated with the movement, this is expected to be a key rally. Mr. Wyrzten, in a conference with a representative of the Wilmington Council of Churches, last week, expressed the hope that all Christians of Wilmington will 'get behind' the rally and insure its success through their prayers.

Mr. Wyrzten, dynamic friend of Billy Graham has conducted capacity rallies in such places as the Boston Gardens and the

Madison Square Gardens. Wilmington people have been advised to 'come early', because the rally has been advertised on radio and will be mentioned by Jack himself, on his

'Word of Life' program, and it is expected that hundreds of persons will be present from out of town.

The doors open at 6:30 pm.

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**NORTH READING HAS VOTED  
TOWN MANAGER CHARTER**

The Town of North Reading, last week, voted to accept a proposed Town Manager Charter, by an overwhelming vote. It has now to be accepted by the State Legislature.

The main difference between the North Reading Charter and the Wilmington Charter lies in the care of school buildings. In the North Reading Charter the ultimate responsibility for school buildings lies with the School Committee, rather than with the Town Manager, as is the case in Wilmington.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Announcements of scholarships are coming in every day at Wilmington High, and are being posted on the bulletin board in the Guidance Office and on the boards in the corridors.

Westinghouse is offering scholarships totalling \$36,500 to seniors in the top tenth of their class. Applicants should be interested in engineering, mathematics, physics, chemistry or Industrial Management.

Fifty-seven Alfred P Sloan Scholarships in Liberal Arts and Technology are open to male students, and have a maximum value of \$2000 a year.

H J Heinz Company is financing five \$1000 scholarships in Food Service Administration. They are open to any high school graduate who enrolls at a college offering a four year course in food service administration.

Applications for, and further information concerning these scholarships should be obtained before Christmas vacation at Mr Whittredge's office.

**MASS. ASSOCIATION FOR  
RETARDED CHILDREN**

Dec 2nd has been set aside as Retarded Children's Day in Massachusetts, and Erwin Squibb, of Suncrest Avenue is heading the local drive for funds.

Squibb, who has organized a corps of workers, points out that for hundreds of years the mentally retarded were considered to be hopeless, or were not considered at all. Today, after centuries of neglect and abuse, the problems of this cruel affliction are being recognized, and being combatted by the parents of its victims, by physicians, educators, social workers and an enlightened public.

Pilot programs for retarded children have demonstrated that the great majority of these unfortunate youngsters can be trained to develop their limited mentality. Through proper diagnosis, care counseling and training these boys and girls are learning to be happy self-sufficient citizens.

The Massachusetts Association for Retarded Children, through the local group headed by Squibb, is providing and helping the victims of retardation to find a place in society where they can function to the full extent of their capabilities. Nursery training classes, vocational training courses, sheltered workshops and recreational programs, sponsored by the association are helping to give retarded children a chance for the 'good life' which is the inherent right of every citizen of our country.

**JR CDA BOWLING TEAM**

Plans for the formation of a Bowling Team, by members of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America are to be discussed in a business meeting, to be held in Villanova Hall, next Monday, Dec. 3rd, starting at 7:30 pm. Also to be discussed will be plans for skating parties, and other activities in which the members may wish to participate.

After the business meeting the annual Christmas party will be held. Members will exchange gifts.

**PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND  
MOTHER'S NIGHT OUT WHICH WILL  
FEATURE "MOTHER'S DEGREE"  
FRIDAY, NOV 30, 8 PM**

The Citizens of Wilmington have been extended a cordial invitation to attend, 'The Mother's Degree' to be held in the Herbert E Barrows Auditorium at the Wilmington High School. This degree will be presented by the DeMolay Boys from the Boston Chapter of Somerville, and members of the group will also provide special entertainment.

Richard Willson, tenor, will be the guest soloist for the degree. Mr Willson is a former DeMolay Boy from Everett and will sing three numbers during the presentation of the Mother's degree. Tickets may be purchased at the door of the auditorium, 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children. The costs have been kept low so that the entire family may attend this program.

The Mother's Degree is being sponsored by the Adult Fellowship of the Wilmington Methodist Church and all proceeds will be given to the New Church Building Fund.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS  
TO ATTEND URBAN RENEWAL  
CLINIC**

Two members of the Wilmington Housing Authority have been delegated, by the WHA to attend an Urban Renewal Clinic, sponsored by 'ACTION'. (The American Council to Improve Our Neighborhoods).

Alan Fenton and William F. Smith have been delegated to attend the meeting, which will be held on Nov 30 and Dec 1, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in Cambridge.

The WHA, Tuesday night, met with Frank W Morris Jr., Chief of Development of the State Housing Board. Mr. Morris is to be one of the speakers at the Urban Renewal Clinic.

**ELDEST CHEIFITZ DAUGHTER  
RETURNS TO HELP OUT FAMILY**

Mrs Fannie Menovich, eldest child of the late Jacob Cheifitz of Salem St, has returned to Wilmington from Dorchester with her husband and daughter, after 29 years absence, to lend a helping hand to her family since the death of Mr Cheifitz and his daughter, Molly. Mrs Menovich will help around the house, and in particular, will help take care of her mother.

The Menovichs' daughter, Anita, has been enrolled in the fifth grade at the Swain School. Their other children are already married.

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Miss Lorraine Mary Reddington daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony B. Reddington of Hill St. Extension in Tewksbury, was married to Mr Donald Cyril White, son of Mr and Mrs William White of South St, Tewksbury, in a marriage service in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church on the afternoon of Nov. 18th.

The Reverend Father Leahy conducted the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with white carnations. The organist and soloist was Mrs Estelle Shelley, who played and sang the 'Ave Maria' and 'Mother at Thy Feet is Kneeling.'

Miss Reddington, who was escorted down the aisle by her father, wore a gown of winter white satin covered with Chantilly lace. Her headpiece was a pearl and rhinestone crown, supporting a shoulder length veil. She carried a bouquet of small white pom-poms.

The bride's attendants wore ankle-length net gowns with matching stoles and hats. Miss Cynthia White, sister of the groom, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were the Misses Lorraine Saulnier and Anna Morrissey, cousins of the bride from Everett; Miss Lois Reddington, sister of the bride, and Miss Suzanne White, sister of the groom.

Mr White's best man was the bride's brother, Mr Warren Reddington, who came all the way from Alaska to attend the wedding. The ushers were George Erickson of Everett, a close friend, and the Messrs Robert, Gerald and Franklin brothers of the groom.

Over two hundred guests attended the wedding reception, held at the VFW Hall in Everett. A catered buffet was served, and a small orchestra provided music.

After the reception, the couple left for a honeymoon at Niagara Falls, but because of severe snow storms that lashed the area at the time, they spent four days of their honeymoon in New Hampshire. Last week, after returning to Wilmington, they set out again for Niagara Falls, - this time

under more favorable weather conditions.

The bride was educated primarily in the Billerica schools but upon moving to Tewksbury six months ago, she finished her schooling at Tewksbury High School, where she met Mr White. She now works for CBS Hytron in Lowell.

The groom was educated in the Wilmington and Tewksbury schools, and is employed by Lord Coal and Oil Co. in Woburn. He has been in the National Guard for six years, and

belongs to St. Dorothy's Holy Name Society.

The couple plan to settle in Tewksbury on December 1st.

**ATTENDING UNION COLLEGE**

Albert Kitchener, son of Mr and Mrs Albert Kitchener, Sr., Aldrich Rd, is enrolled in the freshman class at Union College, Kentucky, where he will major in Political Science. Mr Kitchener is a graduate of Wilmington High School, where he was active in musical organizations throughout his four years. He was also a member of the Methodist church choir in Wilmington, as well as the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

FROM THE WAKEFIELD DAILY ITEM

## Electric Rate Hearing Postponed

A decision on the controversial new rate schedule of the Reading Municipal Light Board has been delayed again, as the result of an indefinite postponement of the hearing originally scheduled for tomorrow morning in the State House. The postponement was requested by the Lynnfield Board of Selectmen, through Town Counsel Ralph G. Howland, who notified the Department of Public Utilities that certain information had not been received from the Reading MLD. The original hearing on Oct. 18 was continued to Nov. 27, after information requested by Wilmington Town Manager John Courtney was promised to the towns of Lynnfield and Wilmington within two weeks.

A copy of a letter from the Reading MLD to Mr. Courtney was received Friday by Arthur S. Tewksbury, Jr., chairman of the Lynnfield Board of Selectmen. The letter furnished some information, but stated that other facts requested were of such a nature as to be known only to members of the Reading MLD.

Mr. Courtney is reported as stating that he is not satisfied with the information and that his questions were not answered.

The new schedule was presented to the DPU on Aug. 15 by Gilbert W. Stanford, manager of the Reading firm. Following DPU approval, it was published on Sept. 4, effective Sept. 1. The Lynnfield Selectmen, who had not been consulted or informed of the proposed change under terms of an act of 1908, immediately filed a protest with the DPU, as did the towns of Wilmington and North Reading, also served by the Reading MLD.

Originally described as a "decrease" in electric rates, upon investigation it was determined that the new schedule is, in actuality, a considerable increase in all but a few categories, notably the smallest consumers. The 10% discount was also eliminated. Mr. Stanford admitted, at a meeting of all interested parties on Oct. 3 in Chemical Hall, that the new schedule is an increase.

According to Town Counsel Howland, the DPU, by setting the

public hearings, has now put the burden on the Reading MLD to justify the increase. If this is not done, said Mr. Howland, approval of the new schedule will be rescinded, the old rate again will be effective, and customers will be entitled to rebates.

The electrical rate study committee, appointed by the selectmen last May to investigate high billing in certain areas of Lynnfield Center, went into action again following announcement of the new rates. It has requested, through the selectmen, definite information as to the cost of purchasing equipment and installations of the Reading MLD in Lynnfield. This information, a prerequisite before the committee makes any recommendation to the selectmen with regard to a municipal light department in Lynnfield, also has not been furnished yet. Under terms of the act of 1908, Reading cannot refuse to sell the equipment to the town of Lynnfield at any time, according to a member of the study committee.

Members of the committee who have been attempting to secure information in order that the new rates may be analyzed, have described the Reading MLD as extremely difficult and unco-operative. Such reports as have been received are now in the hands of a public accountant, in an attempt to reach a conclusion.

The committee has also held several meetings with the Essex County Electric Company, a subsidiary of New England Power, and with directors of the Peabody Municipal Light Department, which services South Lynnfield, to investigate the feasibility of establishing the town's own light department, or purchasing power elsewhere. A recommendation will be presented to the Board of Selectmen as soon as possible, and any proposed change then presented to the voters, probably at the March town meeting.

BULBS AND BROOMS - THE LIONS HAVE THEM

**ST THOMAS CANDY SALE**

The parishioners of St Thomas are now selling Serugney's 'World Thinnest Ribbon Candy', for the purpose of raising money for the Building Fund. Anyone wishing to help by selling or buying this candy may do so by contacting Co-Chairmen Phyllis Ritchie and Ruth Kenney, or Committeemen Amanda Gray, Winifred Barry, Evangeline Murray, Frances Cleveland Gloria Rothwell, Terry Hunter, Ann Frotten or Betty Blaisdell.

**TOWN NOTES**

(from page 2)

**Lady Cops**

The Lady Cops, in Wilmington, strike a soft spot in our heart, as any one who bothers to read this column may have guessed. The latest is Mrs Edith Ward, newly appointed School Patrolwoman, who is stationed up at Silver Lake, mornings.

Mrs Ward is striking terror into the hearts of some of the speeders. One reliable estimate, but just an estimate, is 55 motorists who have been 'bagged' by the lady.

As we have said previously, the Judge doesn't look with a kindly eye at any motorist who has ignored signals from a School Patrolwoman. The ladies don't have to bother to argue with motorists - they just take the number, and turn it in, and the judge does the rest. Our spy in that area is our authority for the number of 55 motorists having been turned in by Mrs Ward, for failing to heed signals for the safety of school children.

**New Residents**

Two of Wilmington's teachers, Tony De Luca and Paul Bodenstein are shortly to be residents of this town. They are building home, Mr. De Luca on Federal Street, and Mr. Bodenstein on Concord Street.

It would seem that they don't see enough of the Wilmington kids, during working hours.

**Nice Dog**

The boys in the Highway Department are working up on Gowling Road now, making a second Lawrence Street out of that one time pile of mud and rocks. It has given them the opportunity to Meet 'King', a Great Dane of no uncertain size, property of Mrs. Mary Grady.

'King', as Mrs Grady calls him, may not be ferocious, but he looks it.

And the boys in the Highway Department have decided that they are in no mood to test his temper. They just agree with Mrs. Grady that he is a nice dog--and leave him alone.

**Library Paint**

The interior of the Wilmington Public Library has been recently repainted, the job being finished as of last Monday afternoon. It is the same color as formerly, but we know of at least one member of the Library Board who does not know what that color is. Thinks it's pinkish - or pinkish grey.

**Success**

Well, not exactly success, because an enterprise is not successful until it is 'out of the Red', but the Wilmington branch of the Middlesex County National Bank is doing far better than was expected. The Directors, in establishing a branch in Wilmington expected that it would take five years before it was on a paying basis,

is, or 'out of the Red'. Now, it turns out, they grossly underestimated the business potential of Wilmington.

In their first year of operation, the Wilmington branch has received over \$1,500,000 in deposits, and has acquired over 1500 accounts - or roughly the bank has already arrived at a point that it expected to reach only after several years of operation.

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON****NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held in the Town Hall at 9:15 PM, December 3, 1956 to discuss whether or not licenses for the operation of Pinball Machines should be issued for 1957.

Wavie M. Drew, Chrm.  
Charles H. Black  
E. Hayward Bliss  
Nicholas DeFelice  
Francis J. Hagerty  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, Dec. 6, 1956 at 8:00 pm on the request of Cecelia M. Lovey, of 11 Fairview Ave., Cambridge for a variance in the zoning laws to allow for the erection of a house on a lot, between Miles Street and Veranda Ave., with less than the required area.

Walter L. Hale Jr., Secy.  
Board of Appeals

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON****INVITATION TO BID**

1. Sealed bids for furnishing, for immediate delivery, the Town of Wilmington one new 1956 model, chassis and cab truck equipped with dump body, spreader body and plow to be used by the Highway Department will be received at the office of the Town Manager, Town Hall Wilmington, Mass., until 11 AM December 13, 1956, when and where they will be publicly opened and read.

2. Bidders must state amount of all excise taxes, and show where they have been deducted in bid.

3. Bidders must specify delivery date with all specifications binding on bidder completed.

4. Original copy of bid shall be filed with Town Manager, Town Hall, Wilmington, Mass. accompanied by a certified check in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600), payable to the Town of Wilmington.

5. Checks will be returned to unsuccessful bidders. The check of the successful bidder will be retained in accordance with the provisions of the detailed specifications.

6. File duplicate copy of bid with Town Accountant, Town Hall, Wilmington, Mass.

7. Mark each envelope 'Bid on Highway Truck to be opened 11 AM December 13, 1956'.

8. Discount of 2% regardless of municipal discounts will be deducted from the invoice of the successful bidder when payment is made following delivery and acceptance of truck and equipment.

9. Detailed specifications may be obtained at the office of the Town Manager, Town Hall Wilmington, Mass.

10. The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof as deemed in the best interests of the Town of Wilmington.

For the Town of Wilmington  
Joseph F. Courtney  
Town Manager

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